

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6-11, 13, 15-16, 18, 21-26, 28 and 30, as amended, remain in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 2, 12, 14, 17, 27, 29 and 31-36 have been canceled from consideration with the present application without prejudice to pursue the subject matter of these claims in one or more divisional or continuation applications. The claims have been amended to more clearly define the scope of protection sought by the present application. In particular, claims 1 and 16 have been amended to include the recitations from claim 14 and 29 respectively. Several independent claims have been amended for compliance with the amendments to claims 1 and 16 and to correct dependencies resulting from the cancellation of claims. As these amendments do not introduce any new matter into the above identified application, their entry at this time is warranted.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication in paragraph 9 of the Office Action that claims 9, 13, 14, 24, 28, 29 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 16, the only independent claims, to each include the recitations of claim 14. All remaining pending claims depend either directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 16. These amendments render moot all pending rejections to the claims. Therefore, all current rejections have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Applicants assert that all claims are now in condition for allowance, early notification of which is respectfully requested. As the present amendments do not introduce any new claims above the original number of filed claims, no fees are believed due for the submission of this amendment. No other fees are believed due.

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